

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Halverson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Halverson
Councilmembers John Bellows, Anthony Fernandez, Ed Iago,
Dave Napier, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
Police Chief Manila Shaver
City Attorney Kori Land
Assistant City Manager/HR Director Sherrie Le
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn
Finance Director Char Stark
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Iago and seconded by Councilmember Napier to adopt the agenda, as presented.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Mayor Halverson said the Council held a Work Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the following:

- Request for Adjustment of Licensing Requirements from Mailand Management
- Robert Street Landscaping Maintenance
- Outreach Initiative

6. Citizen Comments

At Mayor Halverson's request, City Manager Schroeder provided an overview of Item 9F, Citizen Comments Response.

Mayor Halverson commented regarding the email she sent to former Planning Commissioner John Ramsay prior to the April 23, 2018 City Council meeting. She said we are moving in the right direction and thanked both staff and the community for listening to Council.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Dan and Wayne Ball thanked the community and the Council, as well as previous Councils, for all of their support since 1968. This year will be the 50th Anniversary of the West St. Paul Men's Softball Tournament, which will be held at the Sports Complex. They said they are proud to have this tournament in West St. Paul.
- John Perry suggested cameras be placed at Robert Street and Butler for pedestrian safety. He also suggested slower speeds on Robert Street.
- Rob Wedewer, Ward 1, asked about flags on Robert Street.
- Karen Vavreck, Ward 2, thanked the Police Department for their work. She also thanked Councilmember Napier and said it was an honor to watch him lead and engage everyone at the Park & Recreation Committee meeting.
- Judy Renhill, Ward 2, suggested that West St. Paul Days events include a Festival of Nations. She also mentioned the League of Women Voters who host voter registration sessions at public libraries.

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Bellows said Mayor Halverson is correct in that she sent an email to Mr. Ramsay but it was misaddressed at no fault of hers. He said there was no untruth at this table and that it was simply an unfortunate misunderstanding.

Councilmember Vitelli suggested residents contact the City if there are vacant homes that have long grass and weeds and need care. He thanked property owners and businesses who continually maintain their properties.

Mayor Halverson suggested that residents reach out to their neighbors and see if they could use some help. She said an offer of help can go a long way.

Councilmember Iago said there is a need for one of our fellow Veterans. He is a Korean War Vet who lives alone and has a yard that needs assistance. Councilmember Iago said anyone interested in volunteering to help may contact Sherrie Le at (651) 552-4108. Mayor Halverson also provided Sherrie Le's email address for contacts at sle@wspmn.gov.

Councilmember Iago said that West St. Paul has great volunteers who work in our city. He thanked one volunteer specifically who works hard to help keep Harmon Field clean for everyone.

Councilmember Iago said Wayne Ball started the softball tournament at Harmon Field 50 years ago and about 25 to 30 teams were here at that time. He commented on how many

people have come to West St. Paul for this event over the years, which has an economic impact on our community. He said these efforts have not gone unnoticed and that there are now about three generations playing in the tournament. Councilmember Iago thanked them and said he hopes they will continue to host this tournament in West St. Paul.

Councilmember Napier said he attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner and thanked Volunteer Coordinator Diane Erickson for her work in coordinating this event. He said there were great sponsors at the event, as well. Councilmember Napier also thanked Diane Erickson for the work she does to recruit volunteers.

Councilmember Napier said he attended the Cops in the Park event on June 21st. He thanked Chief Shaver, the West St. Paul Police Department, and law enforcement from all around the state who came out for this event and created a great environment for the kids.

Councilmember Fernandez said he attended a conference hosted by the League of Minnesota Cities and that some of the main topics were race inequity, affordable housing, and affordable housing for seniors.

Councilmember Fernandez said he attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner and thanked all of our volunteers.

Mayor Halverson thanked all of the speakers at tonight's meeting.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

None.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Napier to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A.** Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018 – OCWS and City Council Meeting Minutes
- B.** List of Claims
- C.** May Financial Reports
- D.** City Licensing
- E.** Rental Licensing
- F.** Citizen Comments Response
- G.** Resolution No. 18-78, Appointing Election Judges, Head Judges, Health Care Facility Judges, and Absentee Ballot Board Judges for the August 14, 2018 Primary Election and the November 6, 2018 General Election
- H.** Resolution No. 18-79, Approving a Lot Split at 1705/1709 Robert Street
- I.** Parking Lot Changes

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearings

A. Conditional Use Permit – 1705 Robert Street (Venture Pass)

Hartshorn provided an overview for Council.

Randy Rauwerdink of Venture Pass Properties addressed the Council.

David Carland of Venture Pass Properties addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Napier to adopt Resolution No. 18-80, Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow an Off Premises Sign in a B3 District at 1705 Robert Street.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Conditional Use Permit – 1750 Robert Street (Target)

Mayor Halverson recused herself from the discussion for this item. Mayor Pro Tem Napier conducted the Council meeting.

Hartshorn provided an overview for Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adopt Resolution No. 18-81, Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow Off-Sale Liquor in a B4 District at 1750 Robert Street.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Halverson returned to the meeting.

C. Final Assessment Hearing for 2017-2018 Robert Street Sidewalk Cleaning

Beckwith provided an overview for Council.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

John Masengarb, 839 Deppe Street, addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to adopt the final assessment roll for 2017-2018 Robert Street Sidewalk Cleaning.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Multiple Applications for the Redevelopment of 1631/1645 Marthaler Lane

Hartshorn provided an overview for Council.

Petro Megits of Kaas Wilson Architects addressed the Council.

Patrick Ostrom of Real Estate Equities addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

The following people addressed the Council during the Public Hearing:

- Jerry Daily, 16590 Hudson Avenue, Lakeville, and member of MICH
- Brenda Apfelbacher of South St. Paul, DARTS Board Member, and Commissioner for the CDA
- Rob Haddorf, Ward 1
- Laura Zanmiller, Ward 1, and Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor
- Petro Megits, Kaas Wilson Architects
- PJ Disch, Civil Engineer, Loucks Associates
- Jan Hicks, Ward 3
- Jodie Wanner, Ward 1
- Lorie O'Keefe, Ward 2
- Rob Wedewer, Ward 1

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Council voted on the following items:

1) First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 1631/1645 Marthaler Lane from I1, Light Industrial to PD, Planned Development with B6, Town Center Mixed-Use Underlying Zoning

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Napier to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 1631/1645 Marthaler Lane from I1, Light Industrial to PD, Planned Development with B6, Town Center Mixed-Use Underlying Zoning and schedule the final reading for the City Council meeting on July 9, 2018.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Bellows to reduce the Administration Citation fee for Elizabeth Shimoda, 854 Allen Avenue, to \$200.00, as well as have staff determine where her letter is that she submitted and bring this information back to the next meeting for Council review.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

A. First Reading – Digital Signs in Residential Districts

Hartshorn provided an overview.

Council discussed but was not in support of the ordinance amendment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows to send this item back to staff for further review. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Napier to deny the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 153.436 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Signs.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Charter Amendment – Council Stipends

Attorney Land provided an overview.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending West St. Paul City Charter Section 2.07 Subd. 1 and City Code Section 30.04 Regarding Mayor and Council Salaries and schedule a Public Hearing for the second reading at the City Council meeting on July 9, 2018.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

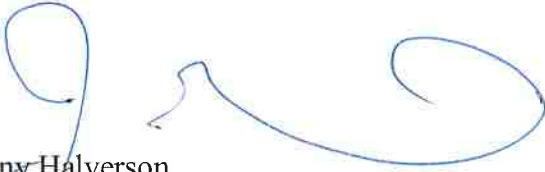
12. Old Business

None.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.



Jenny Halverson
Mayor
City of West St. Paul